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"For the straights"

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Greetings to all! This is Against the Odds where we still have the lousiest letterheads in the galaxy! Subs are still 10/\$3.50, with game openings still available for a \$2.00 game fee and a \$2.00 refundable deposit for one or less NMRs. ATO #5 has filled and we are now into another game. ATO #6 may have two people signed up for it. Have to check on that. Send money (lots of it please) to Craig A. Reges, 1501 Higgins Hall-WIU, Macomb, Ill., 61455.

Much news is available but let's see what we can come up with. Jerry Jones will be coming out with a Diplomacy World soon. I think that everybody will be looking forward to seeing the first issue put out by Jerry Jones. PO Box 8529, San Marine, Ca., 91108. Subs at 4/\$4.

I just received a sample of the Toronto Delegram, from Bill LaFosse, of 2 Swift Dr., Apt 304, Toronto, Ontario, M1A 2A2 in Canada. Subs are \$4.00 and Games are open at a \$2.00 game fee. I can't recommend or not this zine since it just started but he has a game going already and except for the terrible spelling which he admits, it looks to be not a bad publication. You should write for a sample. And Bill, use a small L (l) for your ones, not a capital I. Check out this zine.

I got a letter from Bernie Oaklyn, who has been having some troubles with the standby policy that he uses in Le Front, his zine. In it, he gives his policy on standby players, which is a little different, to say the least. It follows.

Thanks to a letter sent to me by Lee Kendter, Sr., concerning the use of standby and replacement players in our games, and to noting exactly what has been happening in games in which I myself am a player and those that I have monitored in passing, this article emerges.

Let us first look at the fairness to each of the seven players in the game when one of them misses his moves. Consider the setback of a country if those orders fall within the first game year. Then consider the importance of missed moves somewhere down the pike. Each time orders are not given for a country, that country, and certainly its alliance structure, suffer a setback. And, the neighboring countries gain a decided advantage, which is somewhat similar to a real war where a commander failed to give an order, or did not plan ahead, or was a little late in setting up his defenses off offensives.

Nevertheless, a set of missed moves in this game results in hard feelings which must contribute at least substantially to a growing distaste for the game in the mind of the players. Surely none of the players need a win so badly that they would ask for a set of missed orders. Nor should they wish to condone any such missed orders. The gamesmaster is the key here. He is in a position to stop or at least minimize missed orders in his house rules. For instance, the GM can make as a requirement for enrollment in the game, that the player submit to him on a separate sheet of paper, properly dated and signed, and continually update the alliance structure for that country. The GM can announce that the last stated alliance structure on file will be used by a standby player whose name and address and telephone number that GM will publish under the game (giving each and every player a chance, if they dare, to negotiate in advance with the standby player). In addition, the GM should assign a standby player for that game. But, once that standby player has been assigned to report for duty under the name of a particular country, and has had the advantage of private communication from the other players, that replacement player should not be given any other assignment in that particular game, else the GM has caused a violation

Nowhere in our publications is there room for such statements by a GM that "orders were submitted by a neutral party", or some such nonsense. If it becomes necessary to call on a local player, or even write to another player and request that orders be submitted for a game, that person's name, address, and telephone number should be published under the game season that such orders are used, giving the other players the right and chance to verify those orders as coming from other than the gamesmaster, and that the standby player was given access to the alliance structure on file for that country and give the other players the right and chance to communications with that standby player far before that player surprises the game with a published set of moves (which usually result in a stab). We see that there is a question of ethics here, and this is a problem to solve.

It is up to each and every GM to solve this problem for himself, under pressure of the players in his zine if necessary. It is not the responsibility of certain persons, like one Rodney Walker, to police and condemn and ostracize any GM from the hobby because the GM uses certain practices. After all, if the players do not like to play under such practices, that players can take his money elsewhere and close down that GM once and for all. In fact, if certain policies are not liked by the players, they can most certainly get together and vote to take their game to another publisher and GM and get out from objectional policies.

Your GM's response: I never like to see missed moves myself, as they slow down the game. I see no way to really have absolutely neutral players submit standby ~~XXXXX~~ orders for another player but I fail to see any real

improvement over the way I do it in most respects. After all, the idea of having the player who resigns find his own standby is rather preposterous but it is advocated by some GMs. ((Seem to have skipped up to 1'spacing.)) The way that most everybody does it is difficult but seems to be the only really acceptable way of doing things. I sincerely hope that most GMs do state who the coming standby player is if possible. Jim Bumpas uses an interesting phantom system which works quite well in my opinion. Comments are welcome.

#### Lateness of zines: an idiotorial comment

Well, as you can see this typewriter still has a tendency to try and screw up. I have just gotten it fixed, I thought, but it is still slightly fouled up. But it will work for now. I guess since I am going to be late in this issue, I should talk about the frequency which I am going to try to maintain in the zine from now on. I have tried to keep a more or less strict three week deadline, and let's face it, I will do a lot better I think at a four week deadline. I'll be a lot closer to being on time if I do it this way. Please have a little patience this once. All of us try to get these things out on time.

Elsewhere, I hear that Diplomacy World is now out. I would appreciate any reactions that some of you might have and so would Jerry Jones, I'm sure.

1978FL I am asking Bill Frank to take over as Italy in this game.

Addresses Austria: Kevin Mooney, 216 Charles St., Westfield, N.J., 07090

England: Colin Foster, 5631 S. Pecos, Las Vegas, Nev., 89119

France: Alan Rowland, Box 2173, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., 18042

Germany: Lee Kendter, Jr, 4347 Benner St., Philadelphia, Pa., 19135

Italy: Bill Frank, 732 Hialeah Dr., Racine, Wis., 53402

Russia: Ron Kelly, 6038 Richmond Highway, #314, Alexandria, Va., 22302

Turkey: Tom Mainardi, 1403 Lawrence, Havertown, Pa., 19083

Winter only is call for to allow for negotiations to take place, and is due on May 1, 1979.

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1978FK Fall, 1903 Turkey on the way out?

Austria/4/Kelly F Gre S Turkish F Con-Aeg, A Vie ~~S~~ A Bud-Tri, A Bud-Tri  
A Ser S A Bud-Tri

England/4/Cozzi A Lon, F Nyw, F Nth, F Lvp/d/ NMR!

France/6/Buck A Spa-Lvp (F Maoand F IRI C, F NAO S), F Eng-Bel, A Burg-MjnGermany/4/Harmon A Kiel-Ruhr, A Hol-Bel, A Ber-Mun, F Swe-DenItaly/5/McArdle F IonH, F Adr S F Lon H, A Ven S A Tri, A Try-VieRussia/6/Verheiden F Arm-Ank, F Blk-Con, A Gal S Austria A Vie, A War-Lvn,  
F St. Psc-GoB, A Mos-St. PTurkey/4/Moraitis A Bul H, A Smy H, F EMed-Ion, F Con-Aeg

Centers: Austria: Vie, Bud, Gre, Ser 4, build zero, even

England: Lon, ~~Lvp~~, Edi, Nwy 4, remove one.

France: Home, Bel, Spa, Port, LVP 7, Build one.

Germany: Kiel, Mun, Hol, Swe, DEN, BER 6, build two

Italy: Home, Tri, Tun 5, even.

Russia: Home, Rum, ANK, CON, ~~Ber~~ seven, build one.Turkey: Smy, ~~CON/ANK~~, Bul 2, remove two ((Winter on file))

Winter, 1903 and Spring, 1904 due on May 3, 1979.

1978FL Fall, 1903 Austria forgets to reinforce Rumania, pays price.

Russia and Germany grow.

Austria/6/Mooney F Aeg S Italian F EMed-Smy, A Bul H, A Gre S A Bul,

A Rum S A Bul/d/ A Bud-Ser, A Vie HEngland/5/Poster F Eng r to Lon F Lon-Wales, F Lvp-Wales, F Nth-Edi, A Nwy-A Nwy-St.P, F Bar-Nwy

France/6/Rowland NMR!!!! A Pic, F EngC, F MAO, F Clyde, A Gas, A Bel all hold

Germany/4/Kendter, Jr. A Mun-Ruhr, A Hol-Bel, A Den H F Bal S A Den HItaly/4/Morrison A Pied S France A Gas-Mar NSO, A Naf H, F Tyrr-GLyon,F EMed-SmyRussia/4/Kelly F Swe S ENGLISH F Nth-DenNSO, F Sev-Rum (A Ukr S) A Mos-St.PTurkey/4/Mainardi A Arm-Rum, (F Blk S) F Smy ~~S~~ A Con, A Con S F SmyCenters: Austria: Home, Ser, Bul, Gre, ~~Nwy~~ 6, even

England: Home, Nwy, St. P 5, even

France: Home, Spa, Port, Bel 6, even

Germany: Home, Hol, DEN 5, build one

Italy: Home Tun EVEN

Russia: Mos, Sev, War, Swe, RUM 5, build one

Turkey: Home, ~~Nwy~~ 3, remove one.

Marck Morrison has written me saying that he is resigning all the games he is in and quitting the hobby for awhile since he has become far too busy to handle the games at this time. Replacement and addresses will be placed on page two.

Press: England to France: Why waste your time and mine on a campaign which leads nowhere? Don't you have enough problems developing on your East and South fronts? Our occupation of the Channel was never aggressive!

Turkey again announces that it will do all in its power to stop the lying austrians. If necessary, Turkey will open our borders to Russia to allow her to get our supply centers instead of Austria!

Winter only due May 3, 1979.

1978KA Formerly ATO#4 Fall, 1902

Austria/6/Caruso A Bud-Gal, A Gal-Ukr, A Ser-Bul, (F Gre and A Rum S)  
F Alb-Ign

England/5/Harmon F Nwg-Nth, F Nth-Hel, F Nwy S Russ F Swe, A Hol and A Bel  
S French A Bur-Ruhr

France/5/Frank A Bur-Ruhr, A Gas-Bur, A Mar S A Gas-Ruhr, A Par-Pic, BSpasch

GermanyA Lvn-St.P A-Den-S F Bal-Swe, A Mun S A Kiel-Ruhr, F Bal-Swe

? 5/Oaklyn A Pru S A Sil-War, A Sil-War NO SUCH UNITS!

Italy/4/Holton F Aeg-Con, F Ton-Tyrr, A Ven-Pied, A Tun H  
F to

Russia/5/T8322 Guajardo takes over AxSev/Ukr, F Blk r to arm, F Arm-Ank,  
A Mos-St.P, A Ukr-Mos, F Swe S Eng F Nth-Den NSO A War S A Ukr-MOS

Turkey/4/Smith A Bul S I F Aeg-Gre/d/ annih, A Sev S Aus A Rum H, F Blk S A  
F Con-Ank bul

Centers: Austria: Home, Gre, Rum, Ser, 6, even  
England: Home, Bel, Nwy, HOL 5, build one  
France: Home, Spa, Port 5, even  
Germany: Home, ~~NY~~, Den 4, remove one  
Italy: Home, Tun even  
Russia: Mos, ~~Sev~~, War, StP, Swe 4, remove one  
Turkey: Home SEV, ~~NY~~ 4, build one

Winter, 1902 and Spring 1903 due May 3, 1979

Press: Austria: Bernie's Baltic Bust is in full swing. Not only is the Kaiser not controlling scandinavia, but he's lost the lowlands. Could the Kaiser be Japanese??

My Comb: Once again, Herr Oaklyn takes over my zine!

Bonn: Ooze, trickle, squirt, blurt, dribble... goes the blood from my body due to the blade in hand held by the Englander, Harmony once more goen. Is there no trust? Doesn't anyone keep his word? Must everyone stab? Doesn't anyone know the value of honor?

Munich: A communique has been sent to the French underworld winepickers club to overthrow the present French government because they lack foresight- such ~~as~~ being displayed by their inability to manufacture and build and launch more naval power.

Berlin: Is it true that the Italian might have been claver enough to order Army Tunis to Constantinople, seeing hat the turk might have to defend Ankara and Smyrna. A Venture into Bulgaria via the south Coast would also show a littlw imagination on the part of Holton. Anything else he does is GOSH!

(Pronounced go-sh!)

Munich: We also note that four armies cannot pass thru Burgundy on the way to Munich, all at the same time. Some might well try going by way of piedmont. Others would benefit by going by way of Belgium. (Get it?)

"Is it true, dear Kaiser von Oaklynoff, that you plan to be in Sevastopol for the coming Easter Vacation?"

"Most certainly, dear Comrade Harmoniouskyoff!"

"But, won't it be a little crowded there, seeing as how the Turks and the austrians also want to visit there?"

"Somewhat, I would say!"

"Then you will change your mind about the trip!"

"Trip! What trip?"

Change of Address for Rich Holton to 2946 Kevin St.

St. Joseph, MI.,  
49085

Alan Rowland has still not answered my request for his orders for two man#1. Curt desires not to win by default so the game is in limbo for now.

I have acquired the Oaklyn-Frost grudge match game from John Michalski and need orders from Frost. Please submit!

1976BH Winter, 1911 Austria insists on life!!

Austria/0.1 units/Jones Since Jerry says I had him 1.1 short, and he removed 1, he must still have 0.1 units. He builds Army Transylvania.

France/15/Mahler Build F Mar, A Par, A Bre

Italy/15/Boyer A Ven, F Nap, F Rome

Germany/2/Price A Mun R To Sil, F Den R to oth has A Ber, A Sil

Russia/2/Caruso Has A War and A Mos

Spring, 1912 orders on file for Gand R (+A).

Due May 3, 1979.

1978 AHMM Winter, 1904

Austria/6/Alan No room to build, will play one short Has A tyr, A Ven, A Tri, F Nap, A Rome

England/4/Price Build F Lon Has F Den, F Edi, F Nth

France/5/Oaklyn A Bur r to Gas, B F Bre Has A Par, F Pic, F Spasc also

Germany/5/Morrison Even F Nth r OTB Build A B r

Also F Eng C, A Bel, A Ruhr, A Bur

Italy/1/Rowland R~move F Lyon has a Tus

Russia/8/Caruso Build A War, A Mos Also has A Bud, Rum, Vie, Swe F Nwg, FNWY

Turkey/5/Kelly Has A Bul, F Bla, A Arm, F Lon, Build A Ank

Spring, 1905 due May 3, 1979.. A,E On file.

ATO two man #3 Sergeant vs. McLendon

Fall, 1902

Sergeant

France/4/ F MAO-Spasc, F Pic & A Bel, A Gas-Mars, A Bel & F Pic/d/ r to Ruhr, ~~England~~ Austria/4/ A Tyo-Mun, F Ven H A Tri S F Ven, A AlbH Bur, oth  
Turkey/6/ A Arm-Sev, F Bls S A Arm-Sev, A Rum-Gal, A Bul-Rum, F EMed-Ion  
F Aeg S F EMed-Ion

McLendon

English a Bel r to Hol, Italian A Ven r to rome

England/4/ F Bre-Pic, F Eng-MAO, A Hol-Bel, F Nwy S Germany A Lvn-StP

Germany/4/ F Nth S English A Hol-Bel, A Bur-Par, A Mun-Tyo, A Lvn-St.P

Italy/4/ A Pied-Mar, F WMed-Spasc, A Rome-Ven, (F Apu S)

Russia/4/CD A StP /d/ annih, A Sev/d/ annih, A War, A Mos

Centers: France: Mar, ~~Par~~, ~~Bre~~, Spa 2, remove 2

Austria: VEN, Home, Ser 5, build one

Turkey: Home, Sev, Bul, Rum, Gre 7, build one.

England: Home, Bel, BRE, NWY 6, build two

Germany: Home, Hol, St.P ~~2~~/bulld/one/PARIS 6, build two

Italy: ~~Ven~~, Rome, Nap, Tunis 3, ~~bulld/one~~ remove one

Russia: War, ~~200~~, ~~200~~, Mos 2, even

Neutral: Swe, Den, Port

Winter due May 3, 1979.

ATO Two-Man #2 Jones vs. Verheiden Spring, 1902

A:/5/ A Gal-Ukr/d/, A Tri S A Vie-Tyr, A Ser-Gre, F Bre-Ion

G/4/ A Ber-Mun, (A Kiel &) F Hol S A Bel, A Bel S AF Hol

T/6/ A Arm-Sev, (A Rum &) F Con S F Ank-Blk, F Bulsc-Aeg, F Smy-EMed

Verheiden:

E/5/ F Nth-Hel, F Edi-Nth, F Nwy-Nwg, F Lon-EngC, A den-Kiel

F/5/ A Par-Bur, A Mun & English A Den-Kiel, F Mar-Lyon, F Spasc-WMed

A Tyrolia-Vie /d/r to Pied, boh, OTB, ~~Ven~~

R/5/ A Sil-Ber, F Bla-Rum/d/ r to amr, oth, F Swe-Bal, A Ukr S A War-Gal

Italy/3/CD F Nap, A Rom, A Ven, ~~XXXXXXXX~~: Fall, 1902, May 3, 1979.

The Novice Game henceforth known as 1979N Spring, 1901

France/3/Babits F Bre-EngC, A Mar H, A Par-Pic ((Found those orders!!))

Austria/3/Mainardi A Bud-Ser, F Tri-Alb, A Vie Holds

England/3/Buck F Edi-Nwg, F Lon-Nth, A Lvp-York

France/3/Babits ~~MAR//Neutral/Orders/1980//F/Bre-MAO//A/Par-Pic//A/Mar-Sp~~

Germany/3/Lightbody F Kie-Hol, A Ber-Kie, A Mun-Ruhr

Italy/3/Scheifele A VenH, A Rone-Apu, F Nap-Ion

Russia/4/Price A Mos-Sev, A War-Lvn, F Sev-Rum, F St.Psc-Gob

Turkey/3/Mooney A Con-Bul, F Ank-Con, A Smy-Ank

Kenneth Lightbody to c/o John Ringle, 1318 Carosel Circle NW, North Canton, Ohio, 44720

Ron Kelly to standby fo France: 6038 Richmond Hwy, #314, Alexandria, Va, 22302

Press: English: To the countries of the world, we, the English peoples, wish to express our policies. We will undertake to defend our homeland in a most vigorous manner. We shall continue our exploration and shall annex the worthy nations that we discover to our empire. WE shall seek at all times peace with our neighbors and maintain strict neutrality if possible. If anyone violates our principal, we shall Attack!

Turkey-Austria: This shuld be interesting

Turkey to England: As you can see, I never make the same mistake twice. Fall, 1901 due May 3, 1979.

1976BQ Fall, 1910 Once again, I ask that those of you in this game submit some orders. Only Bill Frank has any in. Need orders form Jones, Kelly and Rowland.

1977HG I am going to ask that Eric Verheiden take ove the position of France since John Kevern will not. Everybody else sent in orders for which I am most appreciative. Following are the positions and center charts which are correct.

Summer, 1905

England/1/Jones F NAO (Jerry, 1854 Wagner St., Pasadena, Ca., 91107)

France/7/Verheiden F Cly, MAO, F Spasc, F Gas, A Mar, A Bub, A Lvp (Eric, 200 S. Azuaa Ave., Azusa, Ca., 91702)

Germany/6/von Ulrich (Ron, 723 Horicon St., Mayville, WI., 53150)

Italy/6/Grabar (one short) A Ven, F Smy, F Tun, F Tyrr, F Lyon

(David, 2450 N. Lincoln St., Las Vegas, Nevada, 89110)

Russia/4/Kelly (Ron Kelly, 6038 Richmond Hwy, #314, Alexandria, Va., 22302)

Has A Ber, A Mos, F St.Pnc, F Fin

Fall, 1905 due May 3, 1979, if you have changes, etc.

New Game: ATO#5 A slightly reshuffled lineup!

Austria: Arturo Guajardo, 3201 E. Greenlee, Rd., Tucson, Arizona, 85716

England: Tom Mainardi, 1403 Lawrence, Havertown, Pa., 19083

France: Jerry St. Germain III, 111 Pulaski, South Bellingham, Mass.,

Germany: Jon Michal 6814 W. Devon, Chicago, Ill., 60631 <sup>02019</sup>

Italy: David Grabar, 2450 N. Lincoln St., Las Vegas, Nev, 89110

Russia: Walter G. Hodgdon, Jr., 252 N. Main St., Warsaw, N.Y., ~~IX~~ 14569

Turkey: Leland Harmon, 1802 X Ave, LaGrande, Oregon, 97850.

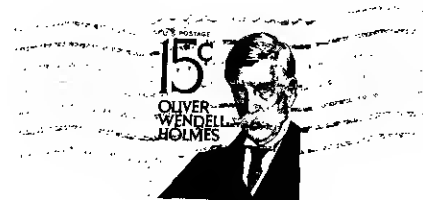
Spring, 1901 will be due on May 3, 1979.

Want to play in a HUGE variant? Write Fred Hyatt at 400 State St., Brooklyn, Ny, 11217, anx ask about Colonia, a worldwide variant that looks like an awful lot of fun but I just plain am too tied up to play right now. Check It out.



This is going to be one hell of a blank page!! I've got a lot of requests in the last few days however for samples, novice projects, ETC and so I can expect quite a few new subbers I hope, in the near future.

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You Are:  
asked to standby \_\_\_\_\_

in new game \_\_\_\_\_

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